

1. Relatively stiffer section 120 ... “due to: (a) being thick at section 120 and thin at sections 122 and 124 and/or (b) chemical additives and/or fibers incorporated in one or more of sections 120, 122 and/or 124” (page 9, lines 12-14),

claimed in claims 14-16:

“the at least one relatively stiffer section comprises an extension of the at least one accessory extension to which a stiff material has been attached” (claim 14)

“wherein the stiff material comprises one or more of: plastic, metal and rubber” (claim 15)

“wherein the ... relatively stiffer section comprises an extension of the ... accessory extension to which a material stiffener has been added” (claim 16)

2. A “relatively flexible section 122” that “connects to an anchor” (page 4, lines 26-32),
claimed in claim 21:

“at least one flexible anchor section, adapted to connect to an anchor”.

3. A “ring 150 that is adapted to receive hook 142” to shorten safety tether 100 “for convenient storage with bottle 110” (page 8, lines 6-10),

claimed in claim 22:

“one or more tether-shortening connectors along its length”.

4. (a) “a C-tab 118” (page 7, line 18);

(b) “hook 142” (page 7, line 7);

(c) “a ring 150” (page 8, line 7); and

(d) “a bar on a baby crib or strut on a baby carriage” (page 8, line 25),

claimed in claim 23:

“anchor section is adapted to connect to ... a C-tab, hook, a ring, a bar
and a structural piece of an anchor”.

5. (a) “a removable snap 132” (page 6, lines 9-10);
(b) “a hook, buckle” (page 6, lines 20-21);
(c) “pin 142” (page 8, line 18);
(d) “lasso 642” (page 10, line 11); and
(e) “hook and loop (Velcro) connector, (page 6, line 27); and
(f) “any other connector”, (page 6, line 27),

claimed in claim 24:

“anchor section compresses a loop, a ring, a hook, a velcro interface, a snap, a pin, a clip and a lasso”.

II. CLAIMS TO SUBCOMBINATIONS of SPECIES I

Claims 9-12 depend upon, and are **not** distinct from, dependent claim 8, thereby constituting subcombinations of the invention (MPEP 806.0(c)). Applicants hereby request inclusion of claims 9-12 in species I:

9. “wherein the one or more included accessories are formed or imprinted with a child-pleasing likeness”;

10. “wherein the one or more included accessories are unremovably attached to the accessory connector”;

11. “wherein the at least one accessory section comprises one or more plates that connect to the one or more accessories”; and

12. “wherein the one or more plates are formed or imprinted with a child-pleasing likeness”.

III. CLAIMS TO AN EQUIVALENT EMBODIMENT OF SPECIES I

Tether 100 shown in Fig. 3 is substantially equivalent to tether 100 shown in Fig. 1, as described in the description:

“Tether 100 [Fig.1] includes a ring 150 ... When hook 142 is connected to ring 150 ... safety tether 100 forms a loop [Fig.3], thereby shortening for convenient storage with bottle 110.

Applicants request inclusion of claims 26 and 27, categorized by examiner in species IV, be included with claims associated with species I.

IV. CLAIMS DEPENDENT UPON SPECIES I

Applicants submit that the following claims are “in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of allowed generic” claim 1, as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. Applicants request allowance of the following claims:

Claims 5-7; 18-20; 25, 28 and 29.

Favorable allowance of claims 1-29 as submitted is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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